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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE A. ALAN HILL
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality

THE HONORABLE ANNE M. GORSUCH
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

SUBJECT: United Nations Conference Commemorating the
Tenth Anniversary of the 1972 Stockholm
Conference on the Environment

The basic guidance for the subject conference, as cleared by the interested agencies and contained in the scope paper forwarded by the Department of State's memorandum of April 28, has been approved. The attached statement of Global Environmental Principles, as forwarded by the Council on Environmental Quality and reviewed by the Cabinet Council on Natural Resources and Environment, has also been approved. It is understood that the statement regarding biological diversity may be subject to further interagency review and approval.



William P. Clark

Attachment

Statement of Global
Environmental Principles

cc: Attached list

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cc: The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Energy
The Director, Office of Management and
Budget
The Director of Central Intelligence
Assistant to the President for Policy
Development
Director, Office of Science and Technology
Policy
Administrator, Agency for International
Development
Administrator, National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Director, National Science Foundation
Administrator, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

- o A healthy environment is fundamental to the well-being of mankind.
- o Economic growth and social progress are necessary conditions for effective implementation of policies which will protect the global environment and promote wise use of the earth's natural resource base.
- o Environmental policy should be based on the interests of present and future generations. The most successful policies are those which promote liberty and individual rights, as well as protection of the physical environment.
- o Nations should pursue economic development in furtherance of the security and well-being of their citizens in a manner which is sensitive to environmental concerns. Due respect should be given to different approaches which various nations may adopt to integrate environmental considerations into development strategies based on their particular national values and priorities.
- o Careful stewardship of the earth's natural resources can contribute significantly to sound economic development. Individual ownership of property, free and well-developed markets in products and capital are powerful incentives for resource conservation. These institutions best promote the use of renewable resources and the development of substitutes for non-renewable resources, ensuring continued resource availability and environmental quality.
- o The biological diversity of the planet should be assessed since continued exploration of the nature and potential of biological resources can make important contributions to human health and welfare over the long term.
- o When environmental problems extend beyond the boundaries of any one nation, all affected nations should participate in investigating the nature of the problem, understanding its implications, and developing cost-effective responses.
- o Governments, like individuals, should act so as to minimize environmental degradation. Decisions on environmental policies and programs should take into account the concerns of those closest to the problems and most directly affected.
- o Increased scientific understanding of environmental problems, and improved methods of forecasting environmental conditions, are needed to address environmental issues in an effective and efficient manner. Ultimately, resolution of environmental problems which are global in nature will be determined by the quality and credibility of our scientific and technical knowledge as well as by the degree of cooperation among nations including the effective involvement of private sector institutions.